

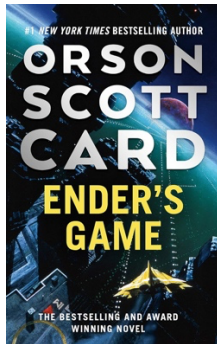


## English I: 9<sup>th</sup> Grade

### Summer Reading 2026

Reading: *Ender's Game* by Orson Scott Card (ISBN-10: 1250773016)

*Ender's Game* by Orson Scott Card follows the story of Ender Wiggin, a young boy who is sent to a military school in space to prepare for an alien conflict. As Ender faces difficult decisions and learns to lead, he struggles with feelings of isolation and the pressure to grow up quickly. Through his experiences, he learns about responsibility, identity, and the cost of leadership.



When reading your book, you may create notes to help you study for the test. Some suggestions for notes include a brief summary of chapters; for example, use only 2 or 3 well-written sentences to tell what happens in that particular chapter. Writing these chapter summaries is an opportunity to practice concise prose. You may also consider keeping a list of characters. As you read the book, write brief phrases to identify important characters and add to this list as you progress. These works have been chosen because they exhibit the literary theme of **coming of age** or **bildungsroman**. Make sure you are familiar with the meaning of this theme and can give examples as to how this work qualifies as a coming-of-age text. *You will not be able to use these notes on the test, but they will serve as a valuable study guide.*

**You will take a test, which will include an essay portion, on this book on Thursday, August 20. The Summer Reading Compliance Form must be signed and returned on August 20, as well. This will count for 11 points of your grade.**